

Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)

A urinary tract infection or UTI occurs when germs enter the body through the tube that carries urine out of the bladder. The result is pain or burning when passing urine. If a UTI is not treated promptly and completely, the infection may move up to the kidney and cause a more serious infection

What are the symptoms of a urinary tract infection?

- An urgent need to urinate, often with only a few drops of urine to pass
- A burning feeling when urinating
- Getting up at night to urinate
- Urinating much more frequently than usual
- Cloudy or blood-tinged urine
- Urine with a strong odor

If the infection spreads to the kidneys and becomes more severe, it may result in pain in the lower back as well as fever, chills, nausea and vomiting. See your doctor immediately if you have any of these symptoms.

Treatment of urinary tract infections:

- Your urine will be tested for the specific bacteria or germ causing the infection.
- Each antibiotic is a medicine that fights specific infections and one may work better than another against the bacteria in your urine.
- Take all of the antibiotic medicine that is given to you even if you feel better before it is gone.